THE FIRST PATRIARCHS' BALL. BRILLIANT DECORATIONS AND A NOTABLE ASSEM-

BLAGE AT DELMONICO'S. The baltroom at Delmonico's was filled with fashionable and notable people last evening, who had assembled to attend the first Patriarcha' ball of the winter. A series of balls by this name are given by fifty gentlemen, who call themselves Patriarchs, and each one has the privilege of inviting ten guests. Last evening the fifty hosis endeavored to surpass their former offorts, and the ballroom presented a most beautiful appearance. The floor was highly polished, and between pearance. The floor was highly polished, and better of brillthe large opalescent yellow globes hang clusters of brillthe large opalescent yellow globes hang clusters of brillthe hange opalescent yellow globes hang clusters of brillnot made a canvass of guessing. There has been no astant hot-house flowers, scarlet pointed the position about the position of any member. I have not
samplion about the position of any member. I have not violets, mignonette, tulips, carnations and other flowers assumed a man to be for me without having the most positive evidence that such was the ease, either by perby the nearness of the flowers, which were prettily rected in the large mirrors. The music balcony of white and sold, where Lander's orchestra played for the dancing, was half hit luca under pain leaves. In the corners | candidate for Speaker I already had many such proffers of the room were banked paims and feras. The decoraons were by Klander.

Although the invitation eards read from "9 until 2 o'clock," it was after 11 before mated. There is one thing of which I am proud, and the ballroom was well-filled and dancing began, that is that I have gone through this canvass without Supper was served in the lower dining-room at 12:30 having made a single piedge to any living man in any a.m., the refreshment-room upstairs being open from the way, shape or manner. I shall be entirely free from any beginning of the ball. Ward McAllister led the way to piedges of any kind, which will mean that I shall have the supper-room with Mrs. Astor. Mrs. Marshall O.
Robers, Mrs. James Brown Potter, Mrs. Frederic Bronests of my party to consider in all my wors." son and Mrs. Coleman Drayton were especially noticeable among the many handsome and prominent women cancus !"
in the diving-room. At 1:30 o'clock the guests reassem- " I shall bled in the ballroom where the cotilion began, led by Ridgway Moore, who danced with Mrs. Potter. The Ridgway Moore, who danced with a standard who only new Patriarch this year is J. Pierpont Morean, who was present last evening. Levi P. Morton, who has been retaken into the list of members, and W. W. Asion, who, anhough a member, made his first appearance for several years, were also present. Among the prominent strangers present were Prescut.

Lawrence and Robert Sturgls, of Boston; Allister Hay, of Scotland; Mrs. James W. Paul, of Philadelphia; T. V. R. Townsend, Mrs. Howard Townsend and Miss Townsend, of Albany; Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Sherman, of Newport: Mr. Monroe, of Paris; Schnyler Crosby, of Washington, and Miss Harriet I. Gammel, of Provi-

dence.

Other guests were Mrs. William Astor, F. Gray Griswold, Oakley Rhinelander, J. J. Astor, jr., Mr. and Mrs. Victor Newcon'b, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clews, Howard Galiup, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Howland, W. Starr Miller, J. I. Parker, Miss Gauter, Judge and Mrs. John R. Brady, Miss May Brady, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Heckscher, Mr. and Mrs. Brady, Miss Day, Henry S. Bedin, J. R. Moore, Louis Ratherfurd, jr., Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Witherbee, Mrs. Henry Day, Miss Day, Henry S. Bedin, J. R. Moore, Louis Ratherfurd, jr., Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Pendleton, J. G. K. Duer, Sir Roderick Cameron, Charles A. Post, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Fish, jr., Mr. and Mrs. Stayvosant Fish, Mr. and Mrs. Pout tury Bleeiow, Dr. Austin Fliot, jr., and Miss Fliot, James M. Waltwright, Robert Goelet, Mr. and Mrs. Johnes M. Waltwright, Robert Goelet, Mrs. Griswold Grady, Creighton Welby, S. D. Bancock, J. Hooker Hamersley, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Parsons, Edgar Fawsett, H. A. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Le Roy Emmet, Isaac Iselin, at. and airs. John Purvy, Mr. and airs. Hoffman Miner, Mr. and Mrs. James P. Kernochan, Mr. and Mrs. L. Ellin, at. and Mrs. James P. Kernochan, Mr. and Mrs. C. Ellin, at. and Mrs. James P. Kernochan, Mr. and Mrs. Cogden Mills, Miss Bishop, Mrs. Maturin, Lavingston, Lawrence Turnure, Mr. and Mrs. C. Schen, Mr. and Mrs. R. Bennet, Woodbuty Kane, Mr. and Mrs. Miss Bishop, Mrs. Maturin, Lavingston, Lawrence Turnure, Mr. and Mrs. R. Miller, Mrs. R. Mintorn, Miss Sosie Mintorn, Brockholst Cutting, Mr. and Mrs. Sosie Mintorn, Mrs. J. F. D. Lanler, Temple Bowdoin, Mrs. J. P. Stevens, Miss Anelia Stevens, Helmrd Gamble, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Suydam, Mrs. A. S. Hewitt, the Misses Hewitt, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Bowdoin, Mrs. As. P. Stevens, Miss Andleia Stevens, Helmrd Gallatin, Miss Amy Gallatin, R. B. Griswold, Henry Hoyt, J. A. Oethout, Miss E. A. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Suydam, Mrs. A. S. Hewitt, the Misses Hewitt, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Suydam, Mrs. A. S. Hewitt, the Misses Hewitt, Mr. and Mrs. Cogenge Hamilton Pell, Howard Pell, Mr. and Mrs. R Other guests were Mrs. William Astor, F. Gray Gris-

and friends of the Nineteenth Century Cleb last evening. Professor Thomas Davidson read an essay on "The Mussing Soonal Link." He traced the progress of man up through the princtive family, the nomable tribe and the commands extilement. This was the perfect state for the development of freedom, and existed in the Germanic tribe. In the early settlements of this country the idea was put in force again, and gave. America his impulse toward freedom. The decay began when land became private property. The command settlement was the missing social link. Its restoration would cure all social evils.

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Everett P. Wheeler thought that the tariff was the source of all social evils and free-trade their cure. Henry George agreed with both his predecess ors Dr. William A. Hammond thought that if the communal actilement was the missing link it never would be missed" in the future. He dish't care to go buc, to the missing link in man's descent and he oddn't think that society would go back to its missing link. His remarks created much laughter.

ENTERTAINMENT BY A YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY. The lecture-room of the Lutheran Church of the Holy Trimity, in Elist Twenty-first-st., could not hold all the people who came to histen to the second en-tertanement of the Young Men's Association of the church last evening. The Misses S. and D. Mosemann, Miss Dooley and Miss Voss assisted the association ac-ceptably with music. Mr. Springhors gave an annusing recitation and Dr. Frank E. Miller sang "My Queen." The oration was by J. H. Brobst, on "The Value of a Mother." Six of the young men of the sorbety debated the question, "Vaether Christianity had made more progress in the last than in the first three conturies or the Christian era." of the Ho y Trimty , in E st Twenty-first-st., could not

"LEAR" AT THE UNION SQUARE. J. M. Hill, the manager of the Union Square Theatre, has thought it advisable to perspone the pro-duction of "Leah." which was to take place on Monday night, to the following evening. Not only will be thus be able to give further preparation to the piece, but he will escape the conflicting attractions of the opening of the two opens houses and the beauting of Madame Modjeska's season at the Star Theatre.

IN MEMORY OF AN AMERICAN ARTIST. The studio building at Fourth-ave. and Twenty-fifth-st., belonging to the Goelet estate, will after January 1 be known as " The Allston," as a tribute to the memory of Washington Aliston on the part of the artists having studios there.

CALLED TO UNITY CHURCH, WORCESTER. Woncester, Mass., Dec. 29.—The Rev. Calvin Stebbins, of Lebanon, N. H., received an unanimous call last night to Unity Church (Second Unitarian), in this city. It is understood that he will accept. He is a brother of the Rev. Dr. Horatio Stebbins, of San Fran-

*PHIL" KIERNAN ELECIED TO THE ASSEMBLY. The special electron for Assemblyman to fill the vacancy caused by the death of William Hall passed off quietly yestering, aithough a good deal of hard werk was done by the adherents of Warden "Phil" Kiernan, the Tammany and Irving Hall candidate, and William McEntee, the County Democracy banner bearer. The other candidates included William J. Ellis, James J. Whiting, and Edward H. Sinchair. At the election in November Mr. Hall received 3.887 votes out of 7.671. The Republicans nominated no candidate, and their votes were eagerly sought by both conditates. The headquarters of Kierman were in ex-Alderiaan Farley's liquor's ore at No. 412 Granden. The County Democracy headquarters were a short distance below. Both places were thronged during the day, and druks were to be had for the asking. The election was an orderly one for the district. Little bad blood was shown during the day. By noon it was apparent that Kierman was leading. The poils were opened at 6 a.m. and closed at 4 p. m. In each of the twenty-seven election districts. The result of the election was as follows: Kiernan, 3,348; McEntee, 2,323; Ellis, 115; Whiting, 82; James Morrick, 13; and 9 scattering. Total, 5,500. Kiernan's Diaralis', 1,025. the Tammany and Irving Hall candidate, and William

CERTAIN TO BE ELECTED SPEAKER.

WHAT HE BASES HIS BELIEF ON-PROPOSED CHANGES

IN THE RULES. General J. W. Husted, of Westchester, was seen at the Grand Central Depot yesterday morning by a TRIBUNE reporter. He had just arrived from Peckskill and was preparing to meet a number of persons, members of the Assembly and others, in reference to the Speakership contest. When asked about the prospecthe

replied:
 "All I have to say is that I feel a positive certainty of my election as Speaker. I am as certain of it as I am of my existence. It does not admit of the shadow of a assumed a man to be for me without having the most sonal communication with him or similar undoubted promise. Many of the members wrote me voluntarily.
When I sent out my formal letter saying that I was a of support. My antagonists thought that this formal letter was the beginning of my canvass, but in fact I began it before I was steeted, and almost before I was renor only the welfare of the State of New-York and the inter-

"How many votes do you expect to have in the "I shall go into the caucus with forty-five votes certain. There are that many votes for me without any doubt. It is probable, however, that the number will be

" How did the list of your claimed supporters as published in The Tribuns yesterday compare with your

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"I have not compared it to see. The list as published has some inaccuracies, as might be expected. It is not wrong beyond four or five votes at the outstade. It gave me forly-line votes. I may have fif y, and yet I only count on forly-live as fronciad. There were more inaccuracies in the list of Erwin's supporters. I have had several letters from members and several personal messages about mea who were placed on both lists. Some of the gentlemen were quite indignant to be claumed by Erwin's friends, since they are for me and have been at the time.

"What about your proposed changes in thereles—how do the inciniers regard the propositions made by you?"

"I have had a great many letters from members in which the changes, were discussed. Those who have been interested enough to write about them have invariantly favored the propositions. There is a curious circumstance about the changes, which I will tell you. After I had determined in my own mind that the rides ought to be changed and had formulated somewhat the ideas upon which I intended to base the changes, I hade a critical examination of the rules governing the National House of Representatives, the General Court of Massachusetts, the New-Jersey Legislaure, the Assembly of the Province of Quebec and of the two houses of the English Pariament. Sealered through these different rules of procedure in deitherative assembles I found, in one place or another, every one of the changes that had suggested themselves to my mind as essential for the better prosecution of our own work at Albany. It amounted to this; that all of the tuies which I have proposed have found sanction and have been formulated before and been adopted by some deliberative hody of standing and importance. Some one had know he described each themselves to have men be a thought of these thinks before and they had been put in practice with bother. It takes away from me my harrels as an ormanator of cure, but if in a critical are adopted and the Assembly well governed under them, I shall

"Is there anything new in them, as compared with the first published statement as to their import?"

"I have been seriously considering the matter of dividing the work of the Ways and Means Committee, by forming a new Committee on Appropriations, and giving it the same functions a are exercised by the Appropriations Committee in Congress. The Ways and Means Committee in Congress. The Ways and Means Committee in Congress. The Ways and Means of the payment of the state debt, funding of the State debt, revenue and tax laws and so on. The tax laws of the State needt revision batty. There is no way to accommittee, whose members are on other standing committee, whose members are on other standing committee, whose duty it shall be to report the supply and appropriation bills. This would relieve the Ways and Means Committee, so that they could devote take of our time to revenue and taxation, in which there is so much need of work. The Appropriations, committee, having none of the other binches, could exact the sentence of the other binches of appropriations by Ferinary to and by April 10 we could adjourn. All the work of the Legisla Poper the bills for appropriations by Ferinary to and by April 10 we could be done in a 100 days, and we would save at least thirty days of session."

General Russed will go to Alhany to-day. He will be accom, anied by Daight Lawrence, who has been over the State in by interest and will remain in Albany to help scenter the votes.

DREFARING TO OREN THE LEGISLATURE.

Senators contended that their court at guest that they beld their members of the court argued that they held their office for life and not for a term, merely, as the Senators of the court request so the sent to sure and sent the sure of the court argued that they held their office for life, and not for a term, merely, as the Senators of the court argued that they held their office for life, and not for a term, merely, as the Senators of the Europe Bay and Means to the Supreme Court returned the charge by and the ting the court a

I o'clock this morning in a cotton seed oil mill at Greenville, owned by W. and H. Stead & Co., of England. The hunding was about 400 feet long and, with machinery and contents, was valued at \$130,000. The insurance is only \$32,000. On the northwest side of only \$32,000. On the northwest side of the mill there were eight or ten small dwellings, which also took fire and were soon consumed. The cotton yard, which was northwast of the mill, tontained about 3,500 bales. Sparks and pieces of burying timber soon set the cotton on the was side of the railroad was in flames. Of the cotton burned Carter & Co., Eastern buyers, lose \$50 bales.

and N. Wilonzinski lose 1,000 bales of cotion ; insur-H. and N. Wilouzinski lose 1.000 bales of cotion; insurance, \$15,000 in the London and Liverpool and Globe and \$2,500 in the Phenix, of Hartford; E. G. Marshall, 78 bales, insured; S. Goldsmith, 113 bales; insurance, \$4,000 in the Phosiax; Weiss & Goldstein, 100 bales, insured; Whitman & McBath, Eastern buyers, 400 bales, insured; Whitman & McBath, Eastern buyers, 400 bales, insured; Whitman & McBath, Eastern buyers, 400 bales, insured; Risko & Co., 50 bales, insurance anknown. The following merchants, beddes a large member of planters, had colton in the yard; B. L. mart, E. D. Waldner, E. E. Livingston, Heathman, Smith & Co., S. Rosenfield, J. Her incaferer, J. Hugherr and others. The total 188 is extimated at \$300,000. It is believed that the insurance is less than \$100,000.

DAMAGE CAUSED BY DEFECTIVE FLUES. Fire was caused by a defective flue in the third floor of the Fiorence flats, at No. 134 Berkeley, place, Brooklyn, last evening. The damage to the building a three story brownstone front structure, owned by Thomas W. Lowell, of No. 28 South Portland omas W. Lowell, of No. 28 South Portland-p, amounted to \$3,000. C. L. Rossiter, who occupieds third flat in which the fire occurred, suffered a loss on his furniture of \$3,000. The occupants of the ere flats, J. H. Sweet and Heary Franke, suffered losses \$200 each from water, d. of Society due caused a loss by fire to James Fergu-t, of No. 255 Chinton-st, Brooklyn, of \$2,500 yester-y. His insurance was \$3,500. The damage to the use, owned by Mrs. Mary Johnson, of Binghamton, \$\$2,000.

FLAMES IN A BROADWAY STORE. The firemen were called out about 9 o'clock last night by a fire on the second floor of the five-story building No. 403 Broadway, which was caused by a defective flue. Stone & Rosenblat, who caused by a debuilding No. 403 Broadway, which was caused by a de-fective flue, stone & Rosenblat, who occupied the floor where the fire originated, had their stock damazed \$3,000. H. R. Mooney & Co., dealers in buttons, occupy the first floor, and had their stock damaged \$700 by water. The building was damaged to the extent of \$500.

LOSSES IN VARIOUS PLACES. LIMA, Ohio, Dec. 29 .- The dry-goods store of McAdam's Brothers, at Hume Station was burned yes-tering. Loss, \$1,000; insured for \$1,250 in the Under-writers, of Communatt, and Home, of New-York.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., Dec. 29.-Six frame buildings in the business portion of the city were destroyed by fire pesterday. Loss, \$12,000; insurance, \$2,500.

Bondestown, N. J., Dec. 29.—A store and two dwellings at Juliustown, Barlington County, were destroyed

by fire early this morning. Loss, \$5,000. Care May, N. J., Dec. 29.—The Rio Grande Sugar Company's seed stacks were burned this morning. Loss, \$2,500; no insurance. The fire is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.

Briston, N. H., Dec. 29.—E. D. Crosby & Co.'s crequet

factory was burned this morning. Loss, \$9,000; insurance, \$1,000. Train, Swith & Co,'s pulp mill was dainaged to the extent of \$1,000.

GREAT BARCINGTON, Mass., Dec. 19.-The interest of

GEN. HUSTED ON HIS CHANCES Mrs. Mark Hopkins's \$35,000 stone barn in this village was destroyed by fire to-day and the walls were greatly damaged, but the horses and coaches were saved.
YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Dec. 29 (Special).—The Peacock Mine buildings, comprising an engine-house, hoisting house, blacksmith shop, etc., were destroyed by fire to.

day, Seventy-five men are thrown out of employment. The mine is operated by Sampson, Waiker & Co.

ROCHESTER, Dec. 29.—At Geneva a fire alarm was sounded at about 10 o'clock last evening, calling the department to the old warehouse and storage room of the Seneca Lake Steam Navigation Company. The firemen responded quickly, and soon seven streams were play ing on the burning building. Owing to a strong wind the water seemed to have no effect, and the flames were not subdued until after 1 o'clock this morning. The lake ateamer Otetiana, which lay at a wharf about thirty feet distant, was untouched, but she was backed into the lake as soon as steam could be get up. Ten tons of phosphate, the property of Tygert & Co., of Pailadelpina, valued at \$3.00, and rope, oil, freight, etc., valued at \$1.000, the property of the Seneca Lake Steam Navigation Company, were destroyed. The total loss is \$2,500, insurance \$1,000.

PRECEDENCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE. SURPRISE OVER THE PRESIDENT'S NEW YEAR'S PROGRAMME.

FROM THE REGULAR CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE. WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 .- It is difficult at all times to treat a question of precedence on official occasions with becoming gravity. The temptation of looking at the subject in a spirit of levity, however reprehensible, is so great-especially so in the case to which I am about to ailude that I confess at the outset my or more, a question of official precedence may strike discussed, its merits weighed and its solution awaited with a degree of anxiety and carnestness which seem incredible to those who have never been in Washington while such a grave matter was pending. The question this year derives additional importance from the fact that it involves the official status of the highest judges in the country. It forms to-day the chief topic of discussion in certain circles, and for the moment even the Speaker's probable action with reference to the committees yields in importance to the former as a subject of conversation. Here is the official announcement issued on Saturday last, which has caused all the uproar: New-Year's reception at the White House. Official

programme.

The President will receive at 11 a, m, the members of the Cubinet and the Diplomatic Corps; at 11:15, the Chief Justice and the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States and the Judges Supreme Court of the United States and the Judges of the United States Court of Claims; at 11:30. Senators and Representatives in Congress, the Judges of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia and the judical officers of the District, exmembers of the Cabinet and ex-Mintsters of the United

Court of Claims come to rank the Judges of the Supreme Court of the District, and even United States Senators ! There are dark hints at intrigue and social able to sag. Herctofore Senators were always entitled to shake the President's hand before the Judges of the Court of Claims. In the early days of the Government take precedence betwee them on official occasions to create a United States Supreme Court Judge. The

great strategical talent among its members. The flank movement by which it secured two years ago the right of way, and was the first to shake it esident Arthur's hand, is not togother. A similar movement, executed with equal skirl, might rake it victorious once more. Its rival will have to take care.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NATURALISTS. TECHNICAL PAPERS READ AT THEIR MEETING-ELEC-TION OF OFFICERS

Boston, Dec. 29 (Special).-The Society of Naturalists began its annual session this morning in this city, C. K. Gilbert, of the United States Geological survey, in the chair. There was a small attendance. The report of the secretary, Dr. Charles Sedgwick Minot, of this city, showed that the Society now has 136 members, having lost 4 during the year and gained 15. The report contained, also, a recommendation that the Society pulhish a series of monographs of the geology of the North American coast, and suggested the appointment of a committee of seven to consider the question. Action on the matter was postponed until later in the meeting. F J. H. Merrill, Assistant Geologist of the New-Jersey State Survey; Dr. J. Francis Walsh, of Philadelphia, and Waiter B. Barrows, curator of the inuseum at Wesieyan University, were elected to membership. By almost University, were elected to membership by annouunanimous vote the name of the organization was
changed to that of the American Society of Naturalists.
President Gilbert read his annual address, to coming upon
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the work of teachers and investigation and poloning out
the essential things in an account of an investigation,
that it may furnish the greatest amount of education.
The rest of the seesaon was devoted to technical papers,
among them being one on "Museum Cases," by Professor Morse; "Adinjection," by Professor Wilder; "Vasa Motor Experiments" and "The Model of the Eye," by Dr.
Bowditch; "Osmic Aeid," by Professor Whitman;
"Methods of Preparing Hollow Organs, Especially the
Heart, for Class Study," by Professor B. G. Welder, of
Coraell; "Some New Physiological Devices," by Dr. J.
W. Warren, of the Harvard Meshcal School; "An Important Analysis of the Best Nethod for the Study of
thunder storms," by Professor Davis; "The Investigation of Micro Organisms Connected With Disease," by
Dr. H. C. Ernst, and "Some Anatomical Method," by
Drs. Dwikht and Mixier.

The following officers were elected: President, C. K.
Gilbert, of Washington; vice-presi-mis, Professor E. D.
Pope and Dr. Harrhou Allen, of Philadelphia, and Prolessor George I. Goodsle, of Harvard; secretary, S. F.
Charke, of Williams Codege; treasurer, Charles A. Ashburner, of Philadelphia; excentive committee, Professor
K. R. Wright, of Toronto, and Dr. C. S. Minot, of Boston, manimous vote the name of the organization was

BLAMED FOR THE AQUEDUCT ACCIDENTS. A mass-meeting was held in Germania Asmbly Rooms, at No. 293 Bowery, last night, under the auspices of the Central Labor Union, to protest against the slaughter of the workmen on the new Aqueduct, and the outrageous manner in which they are treated. Speeches were made by Charles L. Miller, who acied as chairman, J. T. McKechnie, secretary of the Union, S. Schewitsch, Edward King and Patrick Gallagher. They all complained that the laborers were made to work hone hours for low pay. The tools and appliances for work were unsafe and hadequate, and not even the commoniest precautions against arcident and loss of life were taken. Resolutions protesting against the employment of the contract system on the work, and calling on the District-Attorney of Westchester County to take action against the parties responsible for the accidents, were passed. A committee was appointed to investigate the state of affairs at the aqueduct. auspices of the Central Labor Union, to protest against

BREAKING HIS NECK IN A FLUE.
YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Dec. 29 (Special).—Patrick Congrove, an employe of the Thoma, Furnace Company, was smoothered by gas to-day and feit into the flue, breaking his neck. He leaves a widow and four cattleren.

HIS CONQUESTS AND HIS SUSPENSION.

AND HOW IT WAS BROUGHT ABOUT. NEWBURG, Dec. 29 .- "This trial must end o-night or it will end without me," was the determined utterance of a juryman in the case of the Methodist Church against the Rev. H. B. Edwards, a local preacher of that denomination living in the village of Sugar Loaf, on the Lehigh and Hudson River Railroad. The hamlet a quiet, unobtrusive place and derives its name from the conical shaped hill which rises on the east from 800 to 1,000 feet above the sea and is conspicuous for miles around as the highest point of land in Orange County, The Rev. Mr. Edwards has been on trial. He was charged with unministerial conduct, and the basis for the charge against him was laid when, as alleged, he not only performed the marriage ceremony of the propossessing daughter of a brother minister against the latter's protest, but actually gloated over it afterward, and, in the style of Tweed, asked the heart-broken mother of the precise words, "You can't undo it." The matter came up before the quarterly conference, the presiding elder of the Newburg District, the Rev. Dr. M. D. Crawford presiding. It was adjourned from time to time, and ended at 5 o'clock this morning, the session being ex-

at the beginning of this article.

The Rev. William R. Webster was appointed by transfer from the New-York East Conference of 1884 to the inability to withstand it. At a distance of 250 miles | pastorate of the church at Sugar Loaf. His family inyou as a triding matter. Here it is everything. It is only daughter, then eighteen years of age and discussed, its merits weighed and its solution awaited the idol of her parents. Being remarkably bright and attractive and talented as an elocutionist she soon be-came recognized as a valuable acquisition to the society of young people in the town. Mr. Webster displayed great energy and enterprise. He found the church property in a dilapidated condition and set to work not only to save souls but to save the church and parsonage from destruction by age. He succeeded in rebuilding and en-larging and refurnishing the parsonage and making it the finest house in the village and was complimented by the presiding elder at the last conference for so doing. The church was also improved, a new organ was purchased and withal numerous additions were made to the membership. In the midst of these arduous labors and flat tering successes the pastor encountered the Rev. H. B. Edwards, the local preacher, who, it was charged, became jealous of him and his temporal prosperity. In September of that your a young man of the name of

> teacher of the public school and was kindly received by the paster of the Methodist Church. The latter encouraged him in his work and he was invited to call at the parsonage and occasionally he availed himself of the invitation. Things moved smoothly and satisfactorily to all concerned until after the Christmas festivities, when Decker was invited to partake of the good cheer with his young pupils at the parsonage. Some time after this the young man began to evince a preference for the society of Miss May Webster, the pastor's charming daughter. as this seeming preference was discovered it was ac-cerding to the testimony of the girl nerself, promptly discouraged by her parents. In the winter young Decker professed conversion and united with the church on probation. This gave him additional opportunities for his attentions to the paster's daughter and he was not slow to avail himself of them. So far as the outside once until spring, when the schoolmaster left the place managed on each occasion to see the object of his affect tions. Notwithstanding the carnest opposition of the girl's parents, it was charged that the Rev. Mr. Edwards

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Ciyde, Eibridge, Groton, Waterloo, Deposit, Clinton, Marathon, Pine Plains, Seneca Falls, Oswego, Rome, Johnson, Newark, Fairpoint, Canastota, Plattsburg, Springfleid, Fairfield, Ithaca, Lyons, Little Falls, Fort Edward, Amsterdam, Geneva, Manitus, Rushville, Canandalgua, Pitts a, Manius, Rushville, Canadiana, Sassial and Peterboro. The morning Sassial devoted to the discussion of the question, "Are reacademic schools running on too like pressure conclusion reached was that the average teach conclusion reached was that the average parent; that he ford and Peterboro. The conclusion reached was that the average parent; that heads of schools, as a rule, strenously oppose a pupil's ambition to undertake too much, and that such high pressure ascatists has its source from without not from within. These permanent officers were elected: President, Principal Cutime, of Aubiru: vice-president, Principal Cutime, of Canalonarie; secretary and principal wheelock, of Canalonarie; secretary and principal cutime, of Canalonarie; secretary and control of the c rincipal Wheelock, of Canajoharie; se casurer, Principal Callahan, of Penn Yan.

AN INCIDENT OF THE CANADIAN REBELLION, Buffalo, Dec. 29 (Special).-Old residents are recollecting to-day the burning of the steamer Car-onine owned by William H. Wells forty-eight years ago. She was towed to the middle of the Niagara River by British soldiers, set on fire and allowed to go blazing over the Falls. This was in 1837 and a rebellion was in progress in Canada. There was a secret organization in Buffalo which supplied the insurgents with provisions, and the "Patriots," as they were called, chartered the Caroline to take supplies to Navy Island. She was lying Caroline to take supplies to Navy Islana. She was lying at Shlosher's Landing on the night of December 29, and there were about twenty men on board including Mr. Wells, the owner. Three boat loads of British soldlers came across the river and drovs the men ashore. A man manied Durphy was killed. His body was brought to Buffalo. The mitita was ordered in from the surrounding towns within a radius of thirty miles and it was some time before they were dispersed.

The British Government never paid for the steamer and though Mr. Wells tried repeatedly to get an appropriation he never succeeded.

THE NEW COMET.

Phelps, Dec. 29.-The new comet discovered by Professor Brooks, of Red House Observatory, on Decomber 26, was observed by Professor Barnard, of Nash-ville, on the following evening. The comet is now bright, and is visible through moderate-sized telescopes.

ELOPING WITH A CONGRESSMAN'S DAUGHTER. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 29.-Sidney Barber and Miss Katie Woolford, daughter of Congress man Frank Woolford, were married at Jeffersonville, Ind., to-night. The young couple ran away from their homes at Columbia, Ky., and rode forty miles in a buggy to Lebanou, where they took the train for Louisville. The young woman is about nineteen years old.

LORD RONALD COWER.

Howard Paul in American Keylifer (Parts).

Lord Ronald Gower's "Last Days of Marie Automette his past been published. Lord Gower has devoted an immense deal of time and research to this interesting ambject, and his statue of the impliess hady is greatly admired. I nelieve it is at present in the callery of his brother, the Duke of Sutherland Lord Ronald is a soulptor as well as an author, and a traveller who has been round the world more than once. He seems to be always on the wing. The last Lime I met him he was returning from Japan. He re-

A MATCH-MAKING PREACHER mained in England a few weeks, and off he went to Russia. I often wonder when he finds time to "seuip." OBITUARY.

MARRIAGE OF A YOUNG COUPLE AT SUGAR LOAF PROFESSOR EDWIN D. SANBORN. Edwin David Sanborn, for many years a professor in Dartmouth College, died at the Rossmore Hotel in this city at 11:30 o'clock yesterday morning.

He was born nearly seventy-eight years ago at Gilmanton, N. H., where his father, David E. Sanborn, was a wellto-do farmer. He received his early education in the village school, working betimes on the farm, and grew to be a stout lad, tall, broad-shouldered and with the head and instincts of a scholar. At the early age of sixteen he was teaching in the district school. Entering Dartmouth College when in his twentieth year, he was graduated in 1832. Then he wat to Andover, studied theology and was licensed to preach. Though he did not devote himself to the ministry he frequently occupied the pulpit in Presbyterian Churches. In 1835 he was called to Dartmouth College, and immediately took the chair of Professor of Greek and Latin, which at that time were taught by the same instructor.

Afterward a Protessor of Greek was appointed and Protessor Sanborn continued in the Latin chair until 1859,

when he went to St. Louis and was appointed Professor of Latin in the Washington University. He remained there for three years and then returning to Hanover took the thair of Professor of the English Language and Litertended all night long and into daylight the second day ature which he so long and ably filled. In 1882 he by the precipitate action of the juryman who is quoted retired from this position and has led a quiet life in Hanover surrounded by his family, to which he was greatly attached. In early life he married Mary Ann, the

Hanover surrounded by his family, to which he was greatly attached. In early life he married/Mary Ann, the daughter of Exekel Webster and the nicee of Daulei Webster, the sage of Marahfield. They lived happily together until her death in 1866. Two years later Frofessor Sanborn led to the altar Mrs. Sarah Clark, who survives him. By his first wife he had three children, Mrs. Pael Babcock, jr., of Metuchen, N. J., Miss Kate Sanborn, the author and lecturer, and Edwin Webster Sanborn of the law firm of Clark & Webster in this city. These all survive him. He had no children by his second wife, who was not with him in his last moments, having gone on a visit to San Francisco. His son and daughters were constantly at his ledshe. Miss Sanborn was engaged to be married to Gordon W. Burnham, the Fifth Avenue millionaire who died last spring a short time before the day set for their wedding.

Professor Sanborn had been a suferer for several years with diabetes. He spent a portion of the autumn at the Hotel Vendome in Boston with Miss Sanborn, and two weeks ago they came to this city, expecting to spend the winter here. On Christmas day his malady assumed a dangerous form and he has since then been confined to his beat. Drs. J. H. Douglas and Charles E. Quimby were in daily attendance upon him and had hopes at first that his robust constitution would enable him to raily in spite of his advanced years. On Monday morning, now-ever, they announced that the end was approaching, and when at length it came his sorrowing family were not unprepared for the blow. Professor Sanborn had select the law as a frequent contributor to the magazines and newspapers. His History of New-Hampshire published in 1876 is regarded as a standard work. He was a close student, gental and kindly in his domestic and official relations, and was popular with his classes at Dartmonth. He was of stalwart frame, was nearly six feet tail and weighed before his filtees 225 pounds. During the Contennial Exhibition at Philadelphia, at which addresses on the di Decker made his appearance in the village as the

Horace K. Drake, of No. 6 St. James Place, Brooklyn, died on Friday in San Francisco. He was in-terested in mines in Calaveras County, Cal., and had been on the Pacific Coast for two years, leaving his wife and family in Brooklyn, He was born in Paris, Me. in 1830. For a number of years he was in business in this city and at one time he was the agent for an American mouse in Shanghal, China. Several years ago he became interested in mining properties and he spent most of his time recently in the West. Heart disease is supposed to have caused his death. He left a wife and flys children. EX-SENATOR JAMES E. BAILEY.

NASHVILLE, Dec. 29.—Ex-United States Senator James E. Balley died at his home in Clarksville this morning at 7:30 o'clock, after a protracted illness.

He served in the war, and belonged to Mansfield Post, G. A. R. He was successful in business, supplying lime to many gas companies. A wife and seven children sur-vive him.

OPERATING ON SUFFOSED MAD DOGS.

Five physicians of Newark, Drs. O'Gorman, ch, Herold, Runge and Dr. Samuel N. Nelson, of the New-York Health Board, performed an operation on the carcasses of two mad dogs last night at Newark. One dog was an Euglish greyhound, owned by D. H. Passhof, of Highland Mills, N. Y. The dog went mad a days ago and was visited by Dr. Runge. It was shot yesterday and taken to Newark. The other dog was a white mongret, and was shot by a policeman in Newark, yesterday afternoon. It was owned by Ludwig Ludig, of No. 204 Ferry-st. The operation was performed at Dr. Runge's house. The greyhound was dissected and portions of the brain and sativa and spinal column experimented upon. Portions were placed in inoculating tubes by Dr. Nelson, according to the methods of Dr. Koch These were glass tubes, like syringes. A platinum needle was used to take up the virus which was then placed to the tubes. The latter contained French gelatine and Japan

tubes. The latter contained French gelatine and Japan case seaweed. It is supposed that the bacteria will develop in the tubes into myriads of germs and can be watched with a microscope.

A rabbit was inoculated in the brain after having been placed under the influence of chloroform. It is expected that the rabbit will show symptoms of rabbes in flydays. Four live cars bitten by the hound are in the care of Dr. Runge and will be kept.

THE WEATHER REPORT. GOVERNMENT INDICATIONS-FOR 32 HOURS.

Washington, Dec. 29 .- For New-England, slightly warmer, fair weather, followed by rain Thursday, winds generally shifting to west and south For the Middle Atlantic States, slightly warmer, air weather, followed by local rains on Thursday, winds hiffing to southerly, lower barometer. For the vicinity of New-York and Philadelphis, dightly warmer, fair weather, followed by light rains on Chursday.

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lower than on the corresponding day last year, and 17g lower than on Monday.

Almost stationary temperature and fair weather, growing colder, may be expected in this city and vicinity to-day; rain Thursday; cooler and fair Friday.

CHARLES E. LOEW WILL LEAVE TAMMANY. MESSES. CROKER, PLUNKITT & CO. WANT EVERY-THING.

The Tammany Hall primaries will take place to-night, and it looks as though the fine promises made a month or more ago would go for naught. Messra. Croker, Plunkitt, Grant and the remainder of the clique who are now running Tammany seem bent on their own destruction. They are willing that others shall de the planning and a good part of the work, and then they want to step in and reap the benefits. They will not consent to take the broad and sensible course recom-mended by Charles E. Loew and others and throw open the doors to all Democrats who will strengthen the or-ganization. The result of the narrow-mindedness of the clique is that Mr. Loew will leave the organisation. He will not remain and play a subordinate part. His friends feel that he cannot, in justice to himself, hold a place in the organization while his strongest counsels are disre

the organization while his strongest counsels are disregarded, as in case of defeat, which the course of the clique is believed surely to invite, he would have to bear the responsibility.

A strong effort has been made by many persons not familiar with all the inside workings of Tammany Hall under the new regime to have Mr. Loew remain. They know that to him more than to anyone else is due the attitude of Tammany at the State Convention and the success of the local campaign, and they do not want to lose his services. Messrs. Croker, Plunkitt & Co. think that they are the brains of the organization, and are rather inclined to pooh-pooh any claims by Mr. Loew's friends in his behalf. Under the circumstances, Mr. Loew's friends think he cannot do better than to "stop down and out" of an organization which seems to be lacking in gratitude and give his sole attention to his business.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 29 (Special) .- George Bell, one of a notorious gang of forgers, is serving out a ten-year sentence in the Maryland Penitentiary. His mether died in New-York yesterday, leaving him a snug fortune. A New-York lawyer arrived here this morning and is looking up the matter with a view to instituting efforts for the release of Bell. The convict has lessened his sentence considerably by good be-havior. Bell was one of a gang that "worked" the Baltimore banks for about \$15,000. They worked by selling genuiue bonds to brokers and accepting checks

SNUG FORTUNE FOR A CONVICT.

in payment. These checks were used for making plates from which other checks were made which were filled out for large amounts and presented to the banks. So clever were the forgeries that a broker's clerk, whose name was used, actually identified the check in bank when the forger presented it, he happening to be there at the time on business. Having secured the money the forgers left Baltimore and were caught in New-York by Inspector Byrnes's men. Bell was brought on here and after a hard legal struggle was convicted. FAILURES IN BUSINESS.

ment yesterday for the benefit of his creditors, among whom are firms in New-York and Boston. His Habilities will reach \$5,000. Cosnocrios, Ohio, Dec. 29-J. G. Magaw, dealer in boots and shoes, made an assignment to J. L. Rue thic

FREEPORT, Ill., Dec. 29.-Theodore Grove,

a retail dry-goods merchant, made a voluntary assign-

afternoon, for the benefit of his creditors. The supposed limbilities are \$8,000; assets, \$5,000. DOCTORS OF DIVINITY

And all other gentlemen who want superior watches find them at D. W. Graubery & Co.'s, 20 and 2f John-St. If in Want of a Remedy for a Sore Throat, or

a bad Cough or Cold, try Dr. Jayne's Expectorant, an old stand-by for Lung and Throat Troubles, A Safe Place to Visit.

In the security vanit of the American Safe Deposit Co., Fifth-ave, and Forty-secondest, one's valuable personal effects are beyond the reach of larm, loss risk, or interference of any kind and are always accessable to the owner. Privats also from \$10 a year upward.

SANDORN-At the Rossmore Rotel, New-York City, De-cember 29, Professor Edwin D. Sanborn, aged 77 WALKER-At his condense, 249 West 14th-st., December 27, 1885, Dr. William M. Walker, in the 3-th year of una Funeral at his late residence, Thursday evening at 7:30 nds are invited.

Friends are invited.

WARD-On Monday, December 28, Charles W. Ward, in the softh year of his age.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend his funeral from his late residence, corner Union-piace and Rergenwood.ave. Union itid. N. J., on Thursday, December 31, at 10 close p. m.

WILCON-At Kankakee, III. on Sunday, 27th Inst., Judge Charles C. Wilcon, aged 7s.

Formerly of York, Me., he became one of the pioneer settlers of Jidmos, and was promisen, in here are history, YEURY-At Greenville, N. J., on Monday, December 28-John A. Yeury, infant son of Fanny and Austin Yeury, age 6 months.

Funeral private.

Special Notices

H. N. Squire & Sons, Jewellers, 97 Fulton-st., N. Y. Raudel, Baremore & Billings,

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Post Onice Notice Letters for foreign countries next not be applied addressed for dispatch by any prelicular sterious, except when it is desired to send duplicates of marking all comments betters not specially addressed being sent by the fastest vessels available.

Foreign mails for the week ending January 2 will close (PROMPTLY in all cases) at this olice as follows:

WEDNESDAY—AL 290 a. m. for Nassau, N. P., per s. s. (ify of Nassau, from Jacks mylle, at 11 a. h. for France direct, per s. s. Noan nide via Havre; at 80, 34, for Tark's Island, per s. s. Haytien kepublic, from Loston (letters for Hayti must be directed "per lingtien ite-public").

THURSDAY-At 11 a. m. for Europe, per s. s. Germando via Quoenstown; at 1:30 p. m. for Hayti, per s. s. Ailsa FRIDAY-At 9 a. m. for Newtoundland, per steamer from Halilax.

FRIDAY—A19 a. m. for Newfoundian!, per steamer from Haillax.

SATURIAN—A11:30 a. m. for Europe, per s. s. servial via Queenstown diether for German, etc., most be directed "per Servia"; at 11:30 a. m. for German, etc. per s. s. Min, in Bermeo, at 12:30 p. m. for Foreign per s. s. Min, in Bermeo, at 12:30 p. m. for Foreign direct, per s. Circassia, via Giascow incidez markhodi rect. d. "per tireassia" at 1 p. m. for Reignon direct, per s. Circassia, via Giascow incidez markhodi rect. d. "per tireassia" at 1 p. m. for Reignon direct, per s. s. Waesiand, "in at 1 p. m. for Reignon direct, per s. s. Waesiand, "in at 1 p. m. for Reignon direct, per s. s. Waesiand, "in at 1 p. m. for the Netherlands direct, per s. s. P. Caliand".

Mais for China and Japan, per s. s. Oceane (from San Francisco), close forte January "2 at 7 p. is. Mais for Anastraia, Now-Zealand, Sandwick, Pit und Sandwan Islands, per a. s. Miratos (from San Frib und Sandwan Islands, per a. s. Miratos (from San Frib und Sandwan Islands, per a. s. dity of reap s. (from San Francisco), dose here January "2 at 7 p. m. Mais for the sense of the first shamits for Anastraia, Sow-Sands, Sandwan Pra-discourter (from San Francisco), dose here January "2 at 7 p. m. Mais for the sense of the first shamits for Anastraia, Sow-Sands, Sandwan Pra-discourter (from San Francisco), dose here January "2 at 7 p. m. Mais for cuba, by rail to Tamps, Pit, and thone but steamer, tron Key West, Fig., close at this office daily it 2:30 s. m.